

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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I believe the wording in the excerpt below (lines 1078-79) is incorrect:

6. When needleless systems are used, the **split septum valve** is preferred over the mechanical valve due to increased risk of infection [336-339]. Category II

The valve technology is what has been implicated in increased BSI. The split-septum, **non-valve device** is what returned our rates to baseline after a using a valve device.

It should read:

When needleless systems are used, the **split septum non-valve device** is preferred over the mechanical valve due to increased risk of infection [336-339]. Category II

Thank you.

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